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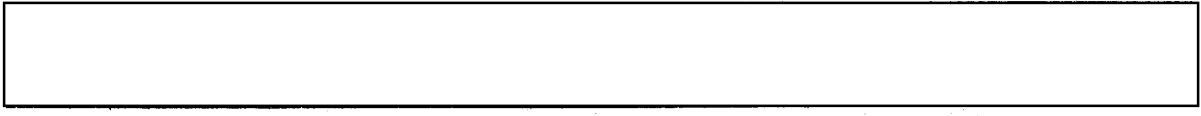
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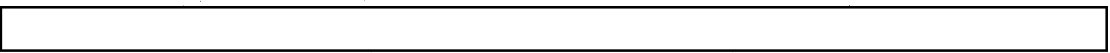
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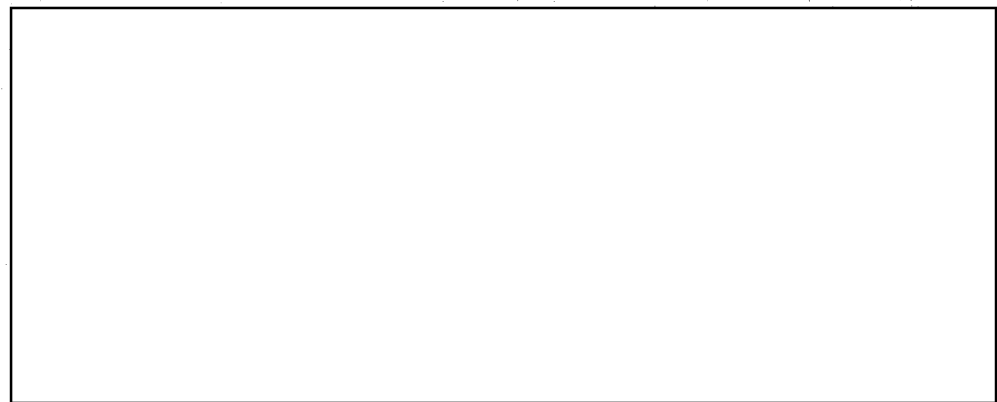
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1. Several soldiers with bordeaux-red service colors boarded the westbound train at St. Poelten railroad station.
2. The St. Poelten barracks area is guarded by sentries with bordeaux-red service colors. A group of 12 unarmed soldiers with the same service colors were seen leaving the barracks. Further, soldiers and officers with these service colors were seen on the street next to the barracks. A band was practising in the courtyard.
3. Very little traffic was observed within the camp of Spratzern. The entrance is guarded by a sentry with black-red service colors. A truck with soldiers wearing bordeaux-red service colors was seen leaving the camp in the direction of the St. Poelten barracks area. An armored vehicle was seen through a half-opened garage door. No tanks were parked in the open. One tank officer was seen entering the camp.
4. Approximately 12 soldiers were seen on firing practice with submachine guns in the area to the west of the camp.

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